Dear IPC Commissioners

Please DO NOT approve Bowden’s Mine

The reasons why I object to this Bowden’s Mine proposal are

1. I live in Rylstone and have lived here for 16 years, my life will be at risk.
2. I have been working at Bentivoglio Olives + Rylstone Olive Press for 9 years. Bentivoglio Olives and Rylstone Olive Press is approximately 5km from the Bowden’s Mine site. My work is too close!
3. My work environment will be affected by noise, and fine particle toxic dust, including Lead and free silica particles from the mine, tailings storage facility and the ore dumps.
4. Our environment here is pristine and the mine will cause health issues to me and my family and the tourists who visit the Rylstone Olive Press cellar door where I work.
5. I will not be able to drink the water here at the Olive press, it will be contaminated.
6. I will not be able to work in the grove and the garden because of the risk to my health with the fine dust particles containing lead, cadmium and silica.
7. I drive to work and to Mudgee on the Lue road every day. I drive on the Lue road to attend the markets for my work and I go to Mudgee for shopping when I need things I cannot get at Rylstone and Kandos . will have an increased risk of a car accident from all the extra trucks using the Lue road going to and from the mine. There will be at least one truck per day of explosives on the Lue Road and over 100+ additional vehicles on the road.
8. All the young families around me who visit me at the Rylstone Olive Press cellar door will be at risk with the dust and contaminated water
9. I am 78years old and still love my work and I am very distressed to read about the future destruction of my area from the contamination of the Bowdens Mine and the dust full of lead cadmium, arsenic and silica particles.
10. I am worried about the bees and the stock being contaminated and we have suffered through terrible stress and anxiety because of the terrible drought and the Gosper fires that came so close to us and the smoke we lived with for months.
11. My rainwater in Rylstone may be contaminated by fine particle lead dust and if there was a major dust storm like we had in November 2019. The lead will settle on my roof and be washed into my rainwater tank.
12. The bushland surrounding Lue where we walk and spend time will be destroyed. I won’t be safe visiting Ganguddy Tourist area with my friends.
13. The toxic lead dust will settle on the olive trees and will kill the flowers.
14. The wildlife will be scared away by blasting, vehicles, noise and mine activity and people.
15. The creek will be contaminated and I will no longer be able to swim or enjoy the lovely areas along the creek.
16. My whole lifestyle will be impacted, food water , traffic and accidents.
17. My mental health has suffered enough due to the drought, the bushfires, covid 19 and now this application for Bowden’s toxic mine is another blow to my wellbeing.
18. Our quality of life span is being shortened every day so much by people wanting to destroy our beautiful environment.
19. I am terribly worried about the our Aboriginal Heritage sites in the mine area and I am certain that they will be destroyed, this is our ancestors home and is sacred and needs to be respected.

I am concerned about

Because

1. Dust with Lead and silica particles will contaminate my health

2. I won’t be able to drink the water and work in the Rylstone Olive Press cellar door which I love doing

3. The aboriginal heritage sites will be destroyed

4. The olive trees will be destroyed by the toxic dust

5. The Lawson creek and the Cudgegong river will be destroyed by the seepage from the mine

6. I will have a car accident from the many extra trucks on the Lue road.

Please provide me with more information about

Dementia , heart and kidney disease from lead contamination and Silicosis from breathing the tiny dust with silica particles blowing continuously from the mine.

Thank you

**Patricia Amos**